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REFORM LINKED ASSISTANCE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Reform Linked Assistance System while releasing assistance to States;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the parameters adopted for assessment of reforms and their proper implementation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): As a part of Central Assistance for the Annual Plans of States, the Centre provides Reform Linked Assistance for a number of sectors like Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP), Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Initiative for strengthening Infrastructure, Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) etc. for which a total amount of Rs. 12,300 crore has been provided in the Union Budget 2002-03. In addition, a lump-sum amount of Rs.2, 500 crore has also been provided for policy reforms in sectors which are constraining growth and development of States.

Regarding the parameters adopted for assessment of reforms and their proper implementation, it may be observed that there are specific guidelines relating to each programme and their proper implementation is ensured through release of assistance based on Utilisation certificates, visits and discussions with the States on the progress in implementation of the Schemes / Programmes.